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C O N F I D E N T I A L TUNIS 4984

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PORG OAU TS

SUBJECT: TUNISIAN OVERVIEW OF LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT

1. SUMMARY: FONMIN CHATTY EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER EMERGENCE OF A SUBSTANTIAL MODERATE MAJORITY AT LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT BUT HAS MISGIVINGS CONCERNING FUTURE COHESION OF AFRICAN STATES WITH UNIFYING ISSUE OF DECOLONIZATION BECOMING LESS RELEVANT. BELIEVES NON-INTERFERENCE RESOLUTION IS GOOD BEGINNING IN AWAKENING AFRICA TO SOVIET/CUBAN DANGER.

END SUMMARY.

2. DURING MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HABIB CHATTY I COMPLIMENTED HIM ON CONTENT AND TONE OF HIS CONSTRUCTIVE AND BALANCED MAIN SPEECH AT LIBREVILLE OAU SUMMIT AND ASKED HITLOZNERAL IMPRESSION OF SUMMIT MEETING. HE  
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SAID THAT WHILE CONFERENCE WAS PLAGUED BY SOME OF MOST BITTER EXCHANGES HE HAD EVER WITNESSED (CHAD-LIBYA, KENYA/SOMALIA, SAIRE-ANGOLA) HE WAS PLEASED TO SEE EMERGE "A CLEAR LIBERAL MAJORITY". HEREIN WAS PERHAPS MAIN ACHIEVEMENT.

3. WITH END IN VIEW OF CLASSICAL DECOLONIZATION ISSUE

SOME OTHER "CEMENT" WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND, ACCORDING TO CHATTY, TO HOLD OAU TOGETHER. HE FORESEES INCREASING NUMBER OF BORDER CONFLICTS IN YEARS AHEAD AND HOPES NEW EFFORT TO ENABLE OAU SECRETARY GENERAL TO TRIGGER PROMPT MEDIATION MECHANISM WILL HELP TO AVERT FUTURE CLASHES.

4. ONE OF MOST HEARTENING IMPRESSIONS HE GAINED AT LIBREVILLE, FOREIGN MINISTER SAID, WAS THE DISTINCT CONSCIOUSNESS AMONG NEARLY ALL SUMMIT LEADERS OF NEED TO COUNTER BLATANT SOVIET/CUBAN EFFORTS TO EXPAND COMMUNIST INFLUENCE. HE HOPED THE SUMMIT RESOLUTION AGAINST INTER-FERENCE IN AFRICA BY OUTSIDE POWERS WOULD BE OBSERVED AND GIVEN FORCE. SOONER OR LATER OAU WOULD HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THE NEED TO REVISE ITS HERETOFORE SACROSANCT POLICY OF NON-INTERFERENCE BY OAU IN MEMBERS' INTERNAL AFFAIRS; OTHERWISE, HE BELIEVES, IDI AMINS AND MENGHISTUS OF AFRICA WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE AFRICA A LAUGHING STOCK FOR REST OF WORLD.

5. HE SAID HE HOPED WE WERE NOT UNHAPPY WITH SUMMIT'S POSITIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES. I SAID I FELT NAMIBIAN RESOLUTION PROVED HELPFUL TO CONTINUED EFFORTS OF WESTERN FIVE TO ENGINEER A PEACEFUL TRANSITION AND WE WERE PLEASED TUNISIAN DELEGATION WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT A POSITION WHICH DID NOT NULLIFY PROGRESS WE AND OUR ALLIES HAVE

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MADE. CHATTY THEN EXPRESSED REGRET THAT "SOME OF US" FAILED TO HAVE FRG'S AND JAPAN'S NAMES DELETED FROM RESOLUTIONS CONDEMNING POWERS WHO "SUPPORT" SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA.

6. CHATTY CONCDLUDED BY SAYING THAT ON THE WHOLE NO ISSUES OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO TUNISIA WERE ON THIS YEAR'S AGENDA. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES IT WAS EASY FOR HIM AND GOT TO BE "CONSTRUCTIVE".

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